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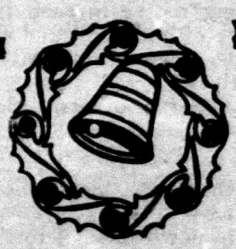

The Christmas Announcement

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

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Editorials

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

There are two annual religious festivities, both of which are foundation stones of Christianity. The former is Christmas, commemorating the birth of the Christ; and the latter is Easter commemorating His Ressurrection. These events are celebrated with song. Of all musical festivities, none are so beautifully rendered as that of the Christmas carols and the Easter Anthems.

Certainly there are thousands of hearers in St. Louis anxiously waiting to enjoy through the lovely strains of music the pleasant message of "The New Born Babe."

Pine Street Y. M. C. A. has secured through the St. Louis Musical Association the rich talents of the Young Ladies Glee Club who will on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, render the special Christmas Music. This meeting will be know as the Y. M. C. A. Christmas Service. Dr. Chas. W. Tadlock, Centenary M. E. Church will deliver the special Christmas Message. Come and enjoy this wonderful service.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Holy Supper is kept indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need:
Not WHAT WE GIVE, but WHAT WE SHARE.
For the GIFT without the GIVER is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me. —Lowell.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By Harold V. Lucas

This comradeship 'bout Christmas time,
When yuletide air smacks crisp and cool,
Quite fills one's soul with song and rhyme,
And brings to mind the Golden Rule.

Our hearts turn back two thousand years;
We hear the Master as he speaks:
His voice so calm, quells all the fears
Of followers whose love he seeks.

And having rooted in their lives
A message of good will and cheer,
He sends them out—his gospel thrives!
The cry, "Serve others", rings out clear.

Down through the long years it has come—
List' to it now—it says to "Do"
E'en unto others, one by one
As you would have them do to you."

Life's battles teach us to sustain
These Christlike truths by which to live,
If we ourselves love would obtain,
We must be willing love to give.

To Naz'reth's gift may we bow low,
E'en now as Christmas time draws nigh,
Hail, manger child of long ago!
Thy rules for living ne'er shall die!

MEN WANTED

Thirty-three men, eager to learn about the teaching of Jesus concerning the future life, listened with receptive hearts to Rev. O. C. Maxwell of the First Baptist Church as he led in the discussion. Men asked and answered questions as never before. Among the number who had given a deal of thought to the subject were: Messrs. Hutt, H. Stovall, Champion and Collins.

Subject for Sunday is, "What Did Jesus Teach About War? Did he advise men to war against others to protect a principle—What? Come and bring your friend, and talk it over with the group. Discussion led by Mr. A. C. Maclin.

YOUNG LADIES GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT AT PINE STREET

The Young Ladies Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Grazia Corneal will render special Christmas Musical program at Pine Street Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, December 21st, 4:00 o'clock, to which the public is especially invited.

Following is the personnel of this Club: 1st Soprano, Miss Emma J. Keane, Mrs. Blanche Wormley, Mrs. Addie Williams; 2nd Soprano—Miss Adele DeBue, Bessie Reeves; 1st Altos—Misses DeVolia Bell, Lorraine Spotts. 2nd Altos—Misses Clementine Reeves, Aquilla Robinson, Miss Corneal, accompanist.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Our Slogan is "Every Member get a Member," are you doing your bit? If not, get your hands on a friend; have him become a member. We are here for service. May we through your efforts get men to serve?

We, on behalf of the Membership Department, wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW MEMBERS

R. Pinkerton, D. H. Hicks, Quentin O'Neal, Geo. Williams, Jr., Richard Edward.

ST. PAUL AT PINE STREET LAST SUNDAY

Dr. Noah W. Williams, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church brought to the second Sunday December meeting the finest message of the season. Dr. Williams is recently here and was indeed at his best in this first popular address to a St. Louis audience. He spoke from the subject: "The Two Great Factors." The special music was rendered by the St. Paul A. M. E. Choir.

COMMONWEALTH FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Commonwealth Fellowship Club had an attendance of 75 at its Safety Meeting last Friday night. The meeting was opened by Mr. B. C. Woolfolk, Welfare Director; singing was led by Mr. Cruse and Safety talks by the Director of Safety at the Commonwealth Steel plant.

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT
GARY, INDIANA HERE XMAS WEEK

The next opponents of the K. R. T.'s will be the fast Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball Team from Gary. The date of this game is tentative set for Saturday, December 27th but it will be announced definitely shortly.

This Gary team is a fast group of young boys that for the last couple of years have been defeating the best teams Chicago could send down to Gary. It must be remembered too that Mr. Craft, our Executive Secretary, was formerly their coach and they have acquired some of his fighting spirit.

We expect a great game with the Hoosier boys and ask all our members and friends to be here to witness this great match.

BOOSTERS WIN V. B. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Fall Volley Ball League ended last Saturday and each of the four captains are to be congratulated upon their loyalty to their respective teams and for their efficient leadership. The series started on October 4th and each team played nine games. Captain Abbott's team did not win a game but that was due entirely to the inability of his three stars, Howard Lindsey, Moten and Simpson to be present on league days.

To Captain Dixon whose Boosters led all the way, goes the much coveted championship. This team is composed of Dixon, Garrett, Key Steward and Eugene Robinson. They fought some hard battles for at the last everybody was rooting for their rival but Captain Dixon was a real general and his men played with him.

The league ended with the Boosters in first place, Passers second, Blockers third and Spikers fourth.

The winter volley ball league, the hardest and longest fight of the year will start about the middle of January.

DR. TADLOCK, CHRISTMAS SPEAKER

Dr. Chas. W. Tadlock, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, will deliver the Christmas Message at Pine Street Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21st at 4:00 p. m. The wonderful message by Dr. Tadlock and the sweet Christmas carols and special anthem by the young Ladies Glee Club will, beyond all doubts, open to the citizens of St. Louis, the greatest opportunities for a real Christmas Festivity. Come early if you desire comfortable seats.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

1 Approach of Spring ..... Gade
Four Hand Acc.

2 (a) Chanson Indoue
..... Rimsky-Korsakon
(b) Lindy ..... Spross

3 Vocal Solo (Angels Serenade)
..... Braga
Flute Obligato—Miss Emma J. Keane

4 Christmas Carol ..... Glee Club

5 Announcements

6 Offering

7 "The Christmas Message"
..... Dr. Chas. W. Tadlock
Centenary M. E. Church

8 (a) Quartette (Gray Days)
..... Johnson
(b) Where My Caravan Has Rested ..... Lohn
Mrs. Addie Williams
Miss Bessie Reeves
Miss DeVolia Bell
Miss Clementine Reeves.

9 Israfel ..... Kelley
2 Piano Acc.

10 (a) Allah's Holiday ..... Triul
(b) Lindy ..... Spross
Mr. E. L. Snyder,
Liberty Life Ins. Co
Master of Ceremonies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salesmanship Class

Mr. C. L. Lynch, Instructor of the Sales Class at Pine Street, announces the observance of December 25th and January 1st Holidays. No classes will be conducted.

Week-Day Bible Study Class To Begin

The Promotional Department announces the opening of two week-day Bible Classes at the "Y" in January. Classes will meet Wednesday of each week until courses are completed. Texts to be used are "The Meaning of Prayer" and the "The Meaning of Faith" by H. E. Fosdick. These two classes are free and open to the public. Members or non-members of the Association may attend. Enroll early so as to assure your place in these two first classes. For information, see Mr. Chiles at the "Y".

DORMITORY MEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE

A special Christmas Breakfast will be served the large family of Dormitory men at Pine Street, Christmas morning, December 25th at 8:00 o'clock.

These fine young men will be the honored guests of Pine Street during which time a Xmas tree will be ladened with gifts—rare and sweet.

Friends of Dormitory men may have their gifts presented from this tree. Please get them to Mr. John L. Procope before 4 p. m. Christmas Eve.

THE SHEPHERD'S HYMN

We saw Thee in Thy balmy nest,
Young dawn of our eternal day;
We saw Thine eyes break from the East,
And chase the trembling shades away
We saw Thee, and we blest the sight
We saw Thee by Thine own sweet light.

Poor world, said I, what wilt thou do
To entertain this starry stranger?
Is this the best thou canst bestow—
A cold and not too cleanly manger?
Contend, the powers of heaven and earth,
To fit a bed for this huge birth.

Proud world, said I, cease your contest,
And let the mighty babe alone;
The phoenix builds the phoenix's nest,
Love's architecture is His own.
The babe, whose birth embraves this morn,
Made His own bed ere He was born.

To Thee, meek Majesty, soft King,
Of simple graces and sweet loves!
Each of us his lamb will bring,
Each his pair of silver doves!
At last, in fire of Thy fair eyes,
Ourselves become our own best sacrifice!

—Richard Crashaw.

BOYS' DIVISION

HONOR ROLL
Week December 8th

Midgets: Alvin Golida, Clifton Bailey.

Juniors: J. B. Jones, Robert Mack, A. Kidd, E. Murrell.

Seniors: Artie Simms, Marcus Dewberry, Ben Ridley, Jno. Day.

Leaders: Robt. Williams, Wm. Staves, Clifton Horn, Wilbert Culp, Geo. Foster.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

Xmas Day: "Y" Members' Xmas Tree
Annual Xmas Swim
Doors close at Noon.

Friday 26th: Opening of Lobby Tournaments.
Parents' Nite Social and Exhibition.

Saturday 27th: Xmas Educational Trips
Lobby Tournaments.

Sunday 28th: Life Builders Club Xmas Program.

Monday 29th: Trail Rangers Hike
Lobby Tournaments

Tuesday 30th: Pioneer Hike
Lobby Tournaments.

Wednesday 31st: Senior Hike
Lobby Tournaments

Thursday 1st: Open House
Xmas Athletic Tournament
Lobby Tournaments

Friday 2nd: Lobby Tournaments
Club Socials and "Feeds"
Hi-Y Evening

Saturday 3rd: Close of Lobby Tournaments
Basket Ball Leagues.

Sunday 4th: Opening of "THRIFT" Month Life Builders Club.

DON'T MISS A MINUTE OF THIS XMAS PROGRAM

XMAS PARENTS NIGHT EXHIBITION

You can't afford to have your parents and friends miss the special Parents Night Exhibition to be given Friday, December 26th. Every boy is expected to have his parents and friends out on this big night.

YOU MUST HELP

We are going to get 50 new members before January 1st. This means that every boy in the Division has got to do his share. So **Hustle.**

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

We cannot permit this Joyous Season to pass without thanking our many loyal friends for the manner in which they have contributed to the success and prosperity we have enjoyed

May we wish you a Christmas Bright and Merry and a New Year brimful of all the best things of Life

JUNIOR BASKET BALL LEAGUE

The boys of our Junior Class have been organized into a Basket Ball League. Every boy who is a regular attendant to his gym classes is eligible to play and the interest so far is very good. The games were started on December 6th and each team has played twice. Emblems have been ordered and Xmas week all the players will be in uniform.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wild Cats	2	0	1000
Cubs	2	0	1000
Buffaloes	0	2	000
Panthers	0	2	000

K. R .T.'s DEFEAT CAIRO

The first real Basket Ball Game of the season was played in the gymnasium last Friday night. The fast Sumner High School of Cairo, Ill., was the opponent of the K. R. T.'s local champions.

The Cairo Boys showed a brand of Basket Ball during the first half that completely baffled our boys and their five man defense was shifted so quickly that they piled up fourteen points to our two during the first half.

The second half was an entirely different story. Captain Zomphier's men started playing basket ball, broke through the defense of the visitors and when the timers gong ended the game the score was 30 to 23.

Ben Hall was the leading goal shooter and it was his agressive work that turned the tide for Pine Street. Martin and Tyler played well for Cairo and each caged five field goals.

The game as a whole was a fast clean exhibition of Basket Ball and too much cannot be said for the efficient work of Mr. Wm. Beckett who refereed the match.

BOX SCORE

K. R. T.	F. G.	F	T. P.
Hall, R. F.	8	2	18
Zomphier, L. F.	2	1	5
Lindsey, C.	3	1	7
Ridley, R. C.	0	0	0
Young, L. C.	0	0	0
Warren	0	0	0
	13	4	30
Cairo	**F. G.**	**F**	**T. P.**
Dunlap, R. F.	1	2	2
Martin, L. F.	4	1	9
Reeves, C.	0	0	0
Tyler, R. C.	5	0	10
Oliver, L. C.	0	0	0
	10	3	23